

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF
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MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY MOBILITY,
TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

January 25, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Council Member Fisch called the special meeting of the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee to order at 3:03 p.m. via Webex.

Present: Göran Eriksson, Council Member
Alex Fisch, Council Member

Staff Present: Yanni Demetri, Public Works Director
Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic
Engineering Manager
Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer
Mike Tobin, Deputy Director of
Transportation
Diana Chang, Transportation and Mobility
Planning Manager
Alicia Ide, Management Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fisch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Items from Members/Staff

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, introduced Mobility and Transportation Engineering Manager Andrew Maximous who provided background on himself and expressed appreciation to be part of the community.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Council Member Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Karim Sahli asked for clarification regarding the process and timeframe for opening the Jackson Gate.

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed the plan to install water-filled barricades and open the gate as soon as possible; the long-term setup and design; concern that the open gate could be seen as an extension of the street; visibility issues; bollards; denoting the end of the street; practical issues; modification of the gate; access for maintenance vehicles; finalization of design; and the timeline.

Mary Daval expressed appreciation for the update from Mr. Maximous and appreciation for a temporary opening; she discussed coordination of the opening of the gate with Bike month in May; and length of the process.

Ken Mand asked whether federal monies to re-pave and re-do Ballona Creek from Syd Kronenthal to Duquesne might tie in with the opening of the Higuera Street Bridge.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding coordination with the Engineering Department, and providing regular project, funding, and status updates to the website.

Greg Maron expressed appreciation to Mr. Maximous for his efforts and to Council Members for their support of opening the Jackson Gate; he discussed other projects in the works; website updates; pride in the accomplishments of the City; and he reported being the Slow Streets volunteer for Farragut.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, announced a community meeting for the next stage of design options for the Farragut/Jackson pass-through on January 27.

Dylan Gottlieb discussed the vote of the Rancho Higuera neighborhood on the bike path down Ince; the Certificate of Occupancy for Culver Studios; integrating Ince with MOVE Culver City and connecting Ince with Ballona Creek; traffic on Lucerne; getting people off Lucerne and on to the bike path; and he wanted to see Main Street beautified and kept closed noting that it works fine as it is.

Council Member Eriksson noted that the fire gate at the end of Ince leads to a parking lot with a fairly dramatic grade difference between the bike path and the parking lot.

Eric Shabsis reported that Culver Studios had not yet received the Certificate of Occupancy; he discussed the current configuration of Ince required by the Conditions of Approval; studies in the EIR (Environmental Impact Report); next steps; and initiation of future discussions in order to make any changes.

Michelle Weiner discussed SB 1 grant funds awarded by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for accessibility improvements on Ballona Creek from Duquesne to National; appreciation for updates available on the website; appreciation to Mr. Maximous for his responsiveness regarding Jackson Gate; the water filled barriers; eagerness to see Main Street Plaza be a permanent feature of the City; and additional opportunity for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to discuss Main Street.

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, discussed technical difficulties; the consulting firm working to design the Ballona Creek project; money received from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to fund the project; the timeframe for design and construction; coordination with the Higuera Bridge Reconstruction Project; upcoming meetings to seek feedback; and he provided contact information for those with additional questions or concerns.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, indicated an additional opportunity to make public comment at the end of the meeting and she encouraged people to send additional public comment or questions to public.works@culvercity.org.

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Receive and File Correspondence

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Consent Calendar Items

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE ITEMS C-1 AND C-2.

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes of the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Special Meeting of September 28, 2021

THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021.

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Item C-2

Approval of Minutes of the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee Special Meeting of October 26, 2021

THAT THE MOBILITY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2021.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Receive a Presentation on the Transportation Service Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for FY22Q2; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff

Mike Tobin, Deputy Chief Transportation Officer, reported meeting with state auditors and he expressed appreciation for being able to report to the governing board.

Jane Chan, Planning Management Analyst, provided a presentation on Transportation Service Performance for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2022; discussed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs); CityBus; CityRide; CityShare; CityFleet; continued operations through COVID-19; and service changes for CityBus.

Kaitlyn Zhang, Transportation Management Analyst, discussed ridership for CityBus.

Ken Bales, Transportation Management Analyst, discussed the Culver CityBus Fareless System Initiative (FSI); outreach to grow usage; CityBus operations; the MOVE Culver City mobility lane; construction; increased traffic; expected performance improvements; early departures; pull-out performance; CityRide operations; and outreach connected to reimagining the Dial-A-Ride program.

Kaitlyn Zhang, Transportation Management Analyst, discussed ridership for CityShare.

Nestor Ducreux, Transportation Management Analyst, provided an overview of CityFleet performance.

Mike Tobin, Deputy Chief Transportation Officer, provided a system performance summary for Quarter 2; discussed the acute labor shortage; service impacts; missed trips; customer complaints; and recruitment efforts.

Council Member Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Stephen Jones asked about the potential for service cuts and bus cancellations; discussed the situation at LA Metro; and

he asked about projections for the next quarter.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, discussed service adjustments; overtime by bus operators; service limitations; prioritizing most needed areas; scheduled service; illness and resignations; loss of service; clarification that any level of symptoms means employees cannot work; and recruitment efforts.

Karim Sahli expressed appreciation for the presentation; discussed impacts to bus timing; and the need to expand MOVE Culver City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding support for the work of staff; interpreting the data; consistent ridership of Line 5; and the next stage.

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Item A-2

(1) Receive a Presentation on the Short-Range Mobility Plan FY22-26; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, provided a presentation on the Short-Range Transit Plan; discussed the collaborative effort between Community Development, Public Works, and Transportation; and funding sources.

Mike Tobin, Deputy Chief Transportation Officer, discussed Transportation Strategic Initiatives; other Citywide mobility initiatives; SRMP Mobility Projects; and next steps.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding trickle-down money; potential funding; filling gaps for the electrification of buses and infrastructure; City Council adoption of the long-range electrification plan for CityBus; National League of Cities Subcommittees; ensuring that cities get their fair share; collaboration with staff; and sharing the big picture summary of all projects.

Council Member Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Ken Mand expressed appreciation for the multi-departmental

collaboration; noted items that were not on the list; suggested including TOD (Transit Oriented Development) Visioning Implementation; discussed shuttles; perimeter parking garages on the outskirts of town; public private partnerships to create flat-decked convertible parking garages; and bringing in regional users tied to automobiles who can then rely on multi-modal options.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, discussed MOVE Culver City; TOD Visioning; utilization of mobility lanes; getting the resources in order to make projects work; and prioritizing projects.

Yanni Demetri, Public Works Director, discussed productivity levels; staffing levels; back-filling positions; the need for Project Managers to move things forward; and budget requests to fill positions.

Karim Sahli welcomed the coordination between departments and he referenced comments made by Ken Mand noting that reductions to or elimination of parking minimums were more appropriate.

Michelle Weiner expressed concern with funding reallocation between departments and eagerness to look at workplans and understand budgeting between departments.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding defining roles and responsibilities between departments; the Capital Improvement Plan; the budgeting process; willingness to share information with the BPAC; consideration of good candidates for bike lanes and infrastructure during annual paving projects; the existing Complete Streets Plan; commitment to Active Transportation; upcoming budget meetings; grant monies; new grant programs; the Infrastructure Bill; and the California Transportation Commission.

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Item A-3

(1) Receive a Presentation on the MOVE Culver City - Downtown Tactical Mobility Lane Project Status Update; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff

Diana Chang, Transportation and Mobility Planning Manager, provided an update on the MOVE Culver City project; discussed

project monitoring; observations; community feedback; public outreach and education; adjustments since project launch; the circulator service; and key performance monitoring.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding data collection; verification of accuracy; vertical channelizers; and compliance with standards for roadway separation devices.

Council Member Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

Karim Sahli, Bike Culver City, reported emailing staff and Committee Members a link from Bike Culver City to a report on MOVE Culver City; he expressed hope that the City would implement suggestions; wanted to see the project expanded and improved upon; discussed Dutch intersections; and he indicated that the report and additional information was available at bikeculvercity.org.

Council Member Fisch indicated that he had not received the report.

Stephen Jones asked about KPis for alternative mobility options; affects to Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMTs); and he expressed gratitude for the new bench at the eastbound Washington/Girard stop.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding best ways to measure performance; improvements to mobility options; minimizing the impact to those who choose vehicles; peak times; pass-through vehicles; the process; finding the best way to make determinations and present data; and continued efforts.

David Coles echoed comments from Council Member Fisch regarding concerns with vertical channelization barriers; he wanted to see concrete barriers maintained; discussed offering protection to cyclists and vulnerable road users; visual vs. physical barriers; disappointment with the limited ridership of the circulator; branding as similar to the Dial-A-Ride shuttle; concerns that the windows are blocked by advertising; and he suggested that Duquesne be announced as the destination instead of Sony as that makes riders feel that it is a private work shuttle rather than a public

circulator.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding agreement with comments made regarding the circulator service; challenges with the vehicle and operators; filling the gap with contract van drivers; redesign to merge the concept of CityRide to be a smaller vehicle moving within the City; use of smaller electric mini-buses as Dial-A-Ride expires; marketing efforts; collaboration with the Downtown Business Association (DBA); promotion; improving visibility; the free pilot program; allowing time to grow the program; expected increases when people return to work after Omicron; exposure and liability as a result of wheel stops; accidents; prevalence of Class 2 bike lanes across the country without physical separation; improvements offered with channelizers; providing a visual deterrent to motorists; easy replacement of channelizers; Qwick Kurb installation; recent approval of Class 4 bike lanes in California; and revisions to the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

Dylan Gottlieb expressed appreciation for the presentation; discussed his daily use of Washington Boulevard; reductions to car usage; addressing cars parked in the bike lanes in the Platform area and around Culver Steps; repaving certain areas to address road conditions; data collection; cameras on National and Washington; and bike light synchronization.

Ken Mand discussed community feedback; peeling paint; the art component; and he proposed solutions to help smooth out intersections and merges.

Bubba Fish echoed appreciative comments for the transformational project; discussed rough roads; inaccurate Real Time information; the need for physical rather than visual protection; continued monitoring by Council Member Fisch; bike lights; pedestrian and cyclist crossings; and the configuration for T intersections.

Michelle Weiner expressed appreciation for the update on the complex project and for continued monitoring of additional lane protections by Council Member Fisch; she discussed the confusing intersection when travelling west on the mobility lane where Washington breaks off and Culver continues straight; and improving markings or signage for where to wait for the bike lights.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding public comment from people regarding the circulator; data collection; rapid redesign for the Canfield/Ince part of the project; effects of MOVE Culver City to businesses; cars parking in the bike lanes; lack of drop off/pick up possibilities in the downtown area; negative feedback regarding lost business; additional zones for commercial or passenger loading on side streets created in collaboration with the DBA; enhancing signage; appreciation for the work and flexibility of staff to extract information from public comment received and make public policy; appreciation to the Culver City Police Department (CCPD); enforcement issues; education; curb management; headways and predictability of the circulator; the intent to minimize interactions; T intersections; bike signals; dangerous conflict zones; safety; the importance of respecting signals; measuring impacts to businesses using independent metrics; AB (Assembly Bill) 917; collaboration with CCPD; use of video cameras on circulator vehicles to capture cars parking in bus and bike lanes; verbal warnings; signage; the need for ticketing to deter behavior; and finding a balance to protect road users.

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Item A-4

Discussion of Ongoing Projects and Legislation

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, introduced the item.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding AB 917; permissibility of ticketing for those in bus lanes; conducting a pilot project; and AB 43 and AB 773.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Council Member Fisch invited public participation.

The following members of the public addressed the Subcommittee:

David Coles was called to speak but was not present on Webex.

Bubba Fish questioned whether action would be taken to reduce speed limits with AB 43, to expand the Slow Streets program with AB 73, or to put cameras on buses to enforce Bus Only zones with AB 917.

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, reported plans to update the BPAC and the Subcommittee with presentations on AB 73, AB 917, and AB 43 on a future agenda.

Karim Sahli clarified that the MOVE Culver City report was available via moveculvercity.org and that a link had been sent to Subcommittee Members in an email; he discussed classifications for protected bike lanes; liability; providing a standard so that parents are confident sending their children to school safely via bike lanes; enforcement; deliveries, pick up and drop off; the need for the DBA, the City and Bike Culver City to develop a protocol for deliveries; and the importance of finding a clear and fair process for everyone.

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Items from Staff/Subcommittee Members

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, discussed making the senior community more mobile; organizing group trips; collaboration with the Senior Center and Parks, Recreation and Community Services; and he announced Senior Transportation Feedback Sessions at the Senior Center on February 8 and February 9.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:39 p.m., the Mobility Traffic and Parking Subcommittee adjourned its meeting to February 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

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